



**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

(Teleconference/Web Conference Made Available)

County Supervisors
Association
1905 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona

**MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2026**

Call to Order:	Alton Joe Shepherd	8:30 a.m.
Present In Person:	Alton Joe Shepherd	Apache County
Present Telephonically/Webinar:		
	Frank Antenori	Cochise County
	Patrice Horstman	Coconino County
	Paul David	Graham County
	David Plunkett	La Paz County
	Kate Brophy McGee	Maricopa County
	Sonny Borrelli	Mohave County
	Jason Whiting	Navajo County
	Mary Mallory	Yavapai County
	Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County
Absent:	Stephen Christensen	Gila County
	William Wearne	Greenlee County
	Rex Scott	Pima County
	Stephen Miller	Pinal County
	Luis Carlos Davis	Santa Cruz County
Proxy:	Duce Minor	La Paz County

Others present telephonically: Chris Kuknyo, Lena Fowler, John Howard, Connie Dekemper, Cynthia Gentle, Karen Kruse, Keith Brekhus, Michael Racy, Phil Bourdon, Rochelle Lacapa, Sam Elters, Shawn Johnson, Sophia W., Tristan Wulffson, Chelle Ewald, Tami Ryall, Alejandro Figueroa, Jacob Emmett, Brandon Nee, Yvonne Ortega

Others present in person: Craig Sullivan, Vanessa Fielder, Kaytlin King, Zoe Averill, Angel Gutierrez

President Alton Joe Shepherd welcomed everyone. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

CSA Legislative Agenda

Legislative Context. Kaytlin King provided an overview of the current legislative context, noting that March 6th is the 54th day of the legislative session. She noted that crossover week had concluded, and the next legislative deadline is the final day for hearing bills in their second chamber committee.

Minutes for Consideration and Approval

Supervisor Lynne Pancrazi joined after the legislative context was provided, bringing the LPC to a quorum of members. President Shepherd asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2026, CSA Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Patrice Horstman motioned to approve the minutes and Supervisor Pancrazi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CSA Legislative Agenda cont.

Adopted Budget Priorities. Kaytlin noted HB 2292 wildfire prevention authority; fund and HB 2619 S/E regarding post-wildfire flooding did not get a hearing in House Appropriations. She further noted that CSA will continue to engage with key legislators and advocate to keep the conversation ongoing.

Adopted Policy Priorities. Kaytlin reported on CSA's adopted legislative priorities:

SB 1067 county abatement liens; notice; priority. Passed the Senate and has been assigned to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 2270 county seal; authority; sheriff's posse. Passed the House and is awaiting committee assignment.

HB 2096 forgivable financial assistance; cesspool remediation. Passed the Senate Natural Resources and is awaiting assignment to Rules.

HB 2439 public cold plunge; rules; exemption. Passed the House and is awaiting committee assignment.

SB 1419 solar energy; inspection; contractors. Passed the Senate and has been assigned to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Water.

HB 2324 fire code; municipalities; county buildings. Passed the House and is awaiting committee assignment.

HB 2022 elections; July primary; curing; observers. Was the first bill signed into law as Chapter 1.

Legislative Bills for Discussion and Possible Action

FOR ACTION

- 1) **Topic:** Amending County Expenditure Limit to Account for Opioid Settlement Monies. Vanessa Fielder presented on opioid settlement monies and the ability to engage on waiving or reducing penalty for exceeding the expenditure limit as a result of expending these monies. She reported that the Association is communicating with the appropriate stakeholders regarding this topic, and that staff is seeking approval to move forward with pursuing a solution to this issue. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Sonny Borrelli motioned for the Association to engage on this issue, and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Kate Brophy McGee. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) **SB 1113:** service of process; evaluation agencies. Jacob Emmett presented on SB 1113, which authorizes screening or evaluation agency employees to serve admitted patients with the documents required as a part of the court-ordered evaluation and court-ordered treatment process. Additionally, he noted that these agencies are not exempt from financial responsibility for the costs of these services. He noted this bill was being brought forward for information, due to counties' responsibilities in the court-ordered evaluation and treatment proceedings. Discussion occurred.
- 3) **SB 1566:** malicious delay; enforcement; penalty. Jacob explained that SB 1566 establishes criteria and penalties for cities, towns, and counties for maliciously delaying licensing timeframes. He further noted the changes that have occurred since the bill was introduced, emphasizing key differences between responsibilities of cities and counties. Staff recommended a position to oppose as written to seek amendments bringing cities and counties to the same criteria for malicious delays. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Patrice Horstman made a motion to oppose SB 1566, and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Jason Whiting. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4) **SB 1825:** precinct committeemen; vacancy; application. Kaytlin King explained that the LPC originally voted to oppose the bill, since then staff has communicated with the bill sponsor and it's been amended favorably. Staff has moved to neutral in in the Right to Speak System in exchange for the amendment. Looking for the LPC to affirm that position. Discussion occurred. Supervisor Frank Antenori motioned for the Association to remain opposed unless there is a bifurcation of the statute based on the size of the county and number of legislative districts. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Sonny Borrelli. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) **HB 2404:** transportation; mental health; patients. Jacob explained that the bill was being brought forward for information, and that HB 2404 would prohibit peace officers from transporting an individual from a hospital emergency department or locked unit of a behavioral health facility to another health care institution, evaluation agency, or mental health treatment agency unless specific criteria are met. Discussion occurred.
- 6) **HB 2692:** procurement; professionals; construction. Jacob presented HB 2692 for information, noting that the bill would make adjustments to the procurement process for certain project types. He also noted that a stakeholder meeting would be conducted with county procurement staff to get additional context on how this bill would impact counties. Discussion occurred.
- 7) **HB 2946:** municipalities; counties; development fees. Kaytlin presented on HB 2946, noting that the LPC previously took a position of opposition to the bill. Since then, counties have been amended out of the bill. Considering that counties are no longer implicated, staff recommended the LPC take a position of neutral. Supervisor Frank Antenori motioned for the LPC to change their position to neutral. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Sonny Borrelli. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates

None.

Other Legislative Issues

The LPC briefly revisited the issue of pursuing a waiver for the county expenditure limit to account for opioid settlement monies. Discussion occurred.

Next Meeting Date and Time

President Alton Joe Shepherd noted the next LPC meeting would be held on March 13 at 8:30 a.m.

Other Business

President Alton Joe Shepherd thanked everyone for joining today and for being a part of the LPC.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Alton Joe Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 9.33 a.m.